

WITHERNSEA URBAN DISTRICT

A N N U A L R E P O R T


of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1972



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1972

Divisional Health Office,
Manor Road,
BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.
HU17 7BU
July, 1973.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report for 1972.

The Registrar General's figures for the year 1972 indicate a mid-year population of 6,230 an increase of 300 compared with last year.

During the year there were 84 births and 84 deaths compared with 104 births and 93 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 15.3 per 1,000 population compares with the national birth rate of 14.8 and an adjusted death rate of 11.2 per 1,000 population compares with a national death rate of 12.1.

The causes of death followed the usual pattern, ischaemic heart disease being the principal individual cause of death and malignant neoplasm of lung and bronchus continuing to be the main cause of death due to cancer. There were no deaths of infants under one year of age.

Very few infectious diseases were notified during the year but it will be seen in the report that we continue to have notified an occasional case of pulmonary tuberculosis.

There were no outstanding changes during the year in the sanitary circumstances in the district.

In presenting this report, may I express thanks to the staff of the department for their work and help during the year, and also to members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS

GENERAL

Area in acres	882
Population: 1972 Registrar General	6,230
Rateable value at 31st March, 1972	£182,385
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,799

VITAL

Live Births:

Total live births	84
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	13.5
Comparability factor	1.13
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population	15.3
Illegitimate live births included in above total	8

Still Births:

Total still births.....	-
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Deaths:

Total deaths	84
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	13.5
Comparability factor	0.83
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population	11.2
Infant deaths (under 1 year of age)	-
Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births	0.00

Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population
including service personnel living in the district

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
Live Births		
1972	14.8*	15.3
1971	16.0	20.1
1970	16.0	14.6
1969	16.3	16.0
1968	16.9	16.6
Deaths		
1972	12.1*	11.2
1971	11.6	12.2
1970	11.7	8.6
1969	11.9	12.0
1968	11.9	12.5

*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	3	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	1	2	3
Diabetes mellitus	1	1	2
Other diseases of nervous system	1	1	2
Ischaemic heart disease	9	13	22
Other forms of heart disease	-	2	2
Cerebrovascular disease	1	13	14
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	2	4
Pneumonia	3	5	8
Bronchitis and emphysema	5	1	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-	2
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
All other external causes	-	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	34	50	84

Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Under 1 year	4	-	1	1	-
1 - 5 years	-	1	-	-	1
6 - 15 years	-	-	1	-	-
16 - 25 years	1	1	1	-	-
26 - 45 years	4	1	1	1	-
46 - 65 years	16	13	11	14	15
66 years and over	68	75	49	77	68
TOTALS	93	91	64	93	84

Infant Mortality Rate

Deaths under One year of Age - Rates per 1,000 births

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
1972	17.0*	0.0
1971	18.0	10.0
1970	18.0	14.0
1969	18.0	0.0
1968	18.0	48.0

Still Birth Rate

Rates per 1,000 Total Births

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
1972	12.0*	0.0
1971	12.0	10.0
1970	13.0	0.0
1969	13.0	0.0
1968	14.0	0.0

*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
TOTALS	2	4	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	11

The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past Five Years

Disease	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Scarlet Fever	-	4	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	23	24	-
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	35	-	59	2	5
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	2	1	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	6	-	2	2
Meningitis	1	2	1	-	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	13	7	1	2
TOTALS	37	27	91	29	11

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FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Regular inspections of all food premises were carried out during the year and some proprietors were encouraged to carry out improvements. Several shopkeepers have carried out works to the inside and outside of their shops which have assisted with the compliance of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

I have paid special attention to the cafes and other food preparation premises, as a high standard of hygiene must be maintained to obviate the possibility of causing food poisoning. The education of the staff in food hygiene and personal cleanliness is essential in these premises especially as they usually employ casual workers.

Two markets were opened during the year, and lengthy consultations were entered into between the respective Market Operators and myself to ensure that all aspects of the Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicle Regulations 1966 were observed. I consider that close control of stalls selling open food is essential.

Number of premises to which these Regulations apply	76
Number of retail shops	48
Number of catering establishments	28
Number of premises which were inspected	76
Total number of inspections	122

As a result of these inspections, 14 informal notices were served and of these 10 were complied with.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act is designed to protect the Health, Safety and Welfare of persons employed in offices and shops. Several premises covered by the provisions of this Act also come under the scope of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, and in these cases combined inspections were made. All premises registered under this Act must report all accidents to the Local Authority which involves a worker being absent from work. The number of accidents reported during the year was 3.

Number of premises newly registered during 1972	7
Number of registered premises	91
Number of visits to registered premises	81
Number of persons employed in registered premises	352

FACTORY ACT 1961

The following factories are on the Register:

Joiners	2
Letter Press & Printing	1
Garages & Motor Vehicle Repairs	3
Light General Engineering	1
Bakeries	3
Slaughterhouse	1
Pottery	1
Gas Works	1
	<u>13</u>
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TOTAL

Meat Inspection at the Licensed Slaughterhouse

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the Urban District, which is used for regular slaughtering on two evenings each week, and some casual slaughtering. The quality of the animals slaughtered is of a high standard. A 100% inspection is being carried out.

Total number of inspections	89
Number of Bullocks inspected	125
Number of Sheep and Lambs inspected	254
Number of Pigs inspected	3

Weight of Meat and Offal Condemned

Bovine meat and offal	273 lbs
Sheep meat and offal	10 lbs

Slaughtermen's Licences

Number of registered slaughtermen on 1/1/72	3
Number of new licences issued during year	-

RODENT CONTROL

	Local Authority owned Property	Other Dwelling Houses	Other Property including Business Premises	Agricultural Premises	TOTAL
Inspections and Re-inspections	13	51	11	-	75
General Surveys	1	3	2	-	6
Complaints of infestations by rats	4	41	7	-	52
Complaints of infestations by mice	9	10	4	-	23

RODENT CONTROL

A total of 75 inspections and re-inspections of dwellinghouses, business and agricultural premises, and Council-owned property, were made during 1972. The poison used is Warfarin and no evidence of resistance to this substance has been found in this area.

The public sewers have been surveyed and treated for rodents. The treatment involves the poison baiting of all manholes on the system and when the operation was completed the sewers were substantially clear of rats.

DISINFESTATIONS

A small number of treatments were carried out throughout the year and these covered a wide variety of pests. The majority of the complaints concerned clover mite, cockroaches and wasps.

REFUSE COLLECTION

There is a weekly collection of refuse from all private dwelling-houses, shops and business premises. Two vehicles - an Eagle Crushload 50 cu. yard and a Shelvoke & Drewry 35 cu. yard Pakamatic - are used to provide this service which is operated with a complement of 7 workmen including drivers.

The Dennis Paxit 16/20 cu. yard refuse vehicle was taken out of service. This vehicle was becoming increasingly expensive to maintain but this vehicle was 13 years old which is well above the expected life of a refuse vehicle.

Twenty-five informal notices were served on the owners of premises requesting them to provide proper galvanised covered dustbins, and all were complied with.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

During 1972, household refuse was deposited at Burstwick, at the Holderness R.D.C.'s tip. This site is approximately 20 miles return journey. Under Local Government Reorganisation the responsibility for refuse disposal will pass to the new Humberside Council but it would appear that the responsibility will be passed back to the District Council under an agency arrangement.

NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION

Night Soil is collected from two houses weekly; these houses are owned by the Council. The Night Soil is disposed of at the Sewage Works, Holmpton Road.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

This Act empowers the Local Authority to serve notices on persons who abandon motor vehicles. The majority of the vehicles abandoned in Withernsea were left on Council-owned land.

Nineteen notices were served on owners to remove abandoned vehicles and all of them were complied with.

STREET SWEEPING

The Blaw Knox Mechanical Sweeper was used regularly for the sweeping of streets assisted by manual sweepers at certain times.

During the holiday season the litter problem causes a great deal of extra work for the Public Health Section. The opening of the new markets attracted more visitors to the town during the summer of 1972 and this greatly increased the amount of litter deposited in the streets.

A new style of litter bin was purchased during the year and these were sited in various parts of the town. These bins are of a larger capacity than previously purchased and proved to be very successful. It is hoped to provide more of this type of litter bin in the town to help keep the streets of Withernsea clean. Unfortunately it appears that certain members of the public are not prepared to look for the nearest litter basket but drop their litter wherever they are standing, often only yards from the appropriate receptacle.

HOUSING

Number of dwellinghouses erected during the year -

- (1) by Withernsea Urban District Council Nil
- (2) by private developers 14

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year

- 1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects
(under Public Health or Housing Acts) 259
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose of the above 340
- 2. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or
injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4
- 3. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under
preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human
habitation 68

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of
informal action by the Local Authority 42

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

- 1. Proceedings under the Housing Act 1957
 - (a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were
served requiring repairs Nil
 - (b) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service
of formal notice Nil
 - (c) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders
or Closing Orders were made 3
 - (d) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
 - (e) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect
of which Closing Orders were made 3
 - (f) Number of separate tenements or underground room in respect of
which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms
having been rendered fit Nil

HOUSING ACT 1957 - PART IV (OVERCROWDING)

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... Nil
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein Nil
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year . Nil
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Under Section 44 of the Housing Act 1969, owners can apply to the Local Authority for a Qualification Certificate to increase the rent of their property.

To comply, the house has to be in good repair and have all the standard amenities. During 1972, 12 applications for Qualification Certificates were received and of these only 2 complied immediately. The remainder required repairs carrying out and lists of repairs were served on the owners, stating the works required to bring the properties to a good state of repair. 14 Qualification Certificates were issued subsequent to works being carried out.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Housing Act 1971 allows higher grants, and the interest in improving property has consequently increased tremendously. There are three types of grants - Standard Grant, Improvement Grant and Special Grant.

The Improvement Grant is the one most commonly given in this area. The Council must be satisfied that the house is likely to have a useful life of at least 30 years after the work has been done. Up to one-half of the approved amount of improvement grant may relate to works of repair or replacement which are either incidental to some other improvement or which are needed for the purpose of making some other improvement fully effective. Repairs and replacements by themselves do not qualify for grant.

Standard Grants are given to help meet the cost of improving houses by providing, for the first time, any missing standard amenities.

Special grants are made at the discretion of the local council towards the cost of providing standard amenities which will be shared in houses in multiple occupation.

Number of Standard Grants approved	10
Amount of Grant paid	£1514
Number of Improvement Grants approved	48
Amount of Grant approved	£17402

HOLIDAY CARAVAN SITES

During the year approval was given for a new caravan site to be established on Waxholme Road, Withernsea. An interim licence was given for 100 caravans; the facilities provided comply with the Model Standards for Holiday Caravan Sites.

There are two privately-owned Caravan Sites, licensed for 113 caravans and for 80 caravans. Each has sewers, water mains and ablution blocks, the sites being maintained at a high standard.

Refuse is collected from the sites weekly during the holiday season.

CHALET SITE

The Chalet Site situated on Holmpton Road has 340 chalets; part of this site is in the Holderness RDC area. This site has expanded rapidly on the field to the west of Holmpton Road. Sewers, camp roads, water mains and electricity are provided on the site. Each chalet is provided with a separate W.C. and dustbin. Refuse is collected weekly during the season.

TRAILER PARK

The Caravan Site situated on Waxholme Road is owned by the Council and has sewers, roads, water mains and ablution blocks. The site is well maintained and there were 1200 caravans on the Trailer Park on 31st December 1972.

SWIMMING POOL

Internal Dimensions - Length	108 feet
- Breadth	40 feet
- Deep end depth	6 feet
- Shallow end depth	3 feet

Volume of Water - 120,000 gallons (approx.)

Samples of water from the Swimming Pool and Paddling Pool were submitted for bacteriological examination regularly during the season.

Number of satisfactory samples	24
Number of unsatisfactory samples	3

SWIMMING POOL (Cont.)

Details of Income and Expenditure, Heating Costs,
Opening and Closing Dates and Attendances

	1961	1965	1970	1971	1972
Opening Date	May 1	May 8	May 16	May 8	May 6
Closing Date	Sept 24	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 26	Sept 26
Income	£1,414	£2,384	£2,900	£3,122	£3,028
Heating Costs (Electrical)	Nil	£950	£1,042	£1,296	£1,503
<u>ATTENDANCES</u>					
Adults	4,152	6,175	7,756	5,730	4,917
Children	24,746	23,407	29,552	28,118	25,522
Spectators	12,940	11,185	11,114	8,986	9,622
Schools	5,472	5,120	6,583	6,658	7,511
<u>PASSES</u>					
Adults	16	44	32	36	40
Children	196	409	211	278	241

